

REMARKS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated herein. Specifically, claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice, claims 6-26 have been added, and the specification and drawings have been amended to correspond to the newly added claims and to correct minor inconsistencies between the specification and drawings. Claims 2-5 were cancelled in a Request for Filing a Continuation Patent Application filed April 20, 2004. Thus, claims 6-26 are currently pending in the above-identified patent application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

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